

**St. Johns Public Schools  
St. Johns, Michigan  
Minutes of Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education  
Held on July 17, 2023**

The St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education met for its Organizational meeting on Thursday, July 17, 2023, at the St. Johns High Band Room. Vice President Darragh called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Members Present: Boak, Darragh, Elliott, Mansfield, and Watson

**ATTENDANCE**

Members Absent: Jackson, Nelson, and Student Representative Koenigsknecht

Motion by Member Mansfield, with support by Secretary Boak, to approve the agenda as presented. Agenda unanimously approved.

**AGENDA APPROVED**

Treasurer Nelson arrived at 6:04 p.m.

**ARRIVAL OF BOARD  
MEMBER**

Motion by Member Watson, with support by Member Elliott, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approves consent agenda items II - A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L1, L2, L3, L4, M1, and N1. Motion unanimously approved.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda included approval of the following items:

- A. Executive Meeting Minutes from June 12, 2023
- B. Regular Meeting Minutes from June 26, 2023
- C. Setting of Place, Time, and Meeting Dates of the Board
- D. Designation of the Secretary of the Board of Education, with assistance from the Superintendent, as Person Responsible for Posting Notices of Meetings
- E. Selection of Huntington Bank, Mercantile Bank, and Michigan Class as Bank Depository Institutions for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year
- F. The Superintendent of Schools or Deputy Superintendent of Finance and Human Resources to Invest School Funds to Conduct Day-to-Day Financial Business of the School District
- G. Resolution Establishing Attorney Retainer Privileges with Thrun Law Firm, P.C., and Clark Hill PLC as Legal Counsel for the School District
- H. Designation of the Deputy Superintendent of Finance and Human Resource as the Electronic Transfer Officer for the School District
- I. Delegation of School Plan Review and Inspection Authority to the Local Unit of Government Agency, the Clinton County Building Department
- J. Michigan School Loan Revolving Fund Resolution
- K. Maner Costerisan as Annual Fiscal Auditing Firm
- L. The hiring of the following St. Johns Public Schools employees: Brianna Smith - Preschool Teacher at Oakview South, Amber MacLennan - Preschool SSP at Oakview South, Michael Lance - Custodian, and Jessica Gleeson - High School Student Success Coach.
- M. The resignations of the following St. Johns Public Schools employee: Stacy Somerville - Special Education Teacher at Riley Elementary
- N. The recall of the following St. Johns Public Schools employee: David Higgins - SSP at Gateway North

President Jackson arrived at 6:10 p.m.

**ARRIVAL OF BOARD  
MEMBER**

The Board received in person public comment from Tyler Barlage regarding student safety.

**PUBLIC AND BOARD  
MEMBER COMMENTS**

Superintendent Berthiaume introduced Jessica Gleeson, the new High School Student Success Coach.

Many Board members wished a happy summer to all and welcomed Anthony to the team.

Member Elliott motioned that the St. Johns Board of Education move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the St. Johns Education Association and Maintenance and Custodial Association settlements, and was supported by Treasurer Nelson.

**MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

The motion passed unanimously via a 7-0 roll call vote, and the Board of Education moved into Executive Session at 6:17 p.m.

The Board of Education returned from Executive Session at 6:42 p.m.

**RETURN FROM  
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Vice President Darragh, with support by Treasurer Nelson, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approve the St. Johns Education Association settlement as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

**ACTION ITEMS  
ST. JOHNS EDUCATION  
ASSOCIATION SETTLEMENT  
APPROVAL**

Motion by Member Mansfield, with support by Secretary Boak, that the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education approves the St. Johns Maintenance and Custodial Association settlement as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

**MAINTENANCE AND  
CUSTODIAL ASSOCIATION  
SETTLEMENT APPROVAL**

President Jackson adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Boak, Secretary  
St. Johns Board of Education  
Recording Secretary: Chelsea Peterson